



**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
TOWN OF NEW MARLBOROUGH  
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**Nathaniel H. Yohalem, Chair  
Tara B. White  
Michele Shalaby  
Board of Selectmen**

**Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting  
May 5, 2014**

**Board Members Present:** Nathaniel Yohalem, Chairman  
Tara B. White  
Michele Shalaby

**Others Present:** Michael Skorput, Administrative Assistant  
Sharon Fleck, Administrative Secretary  
Jeremia Pollard  
Scott Farrell

**The meeting of the Board of Selectmen convened at 6:00 p.m.**

The Board read the minutes. **After a discussion, a motion was made and seconded and so voted by all members to approve the minutes of the April 28, 2014 Selectmen's meeting.**

**Road Funding** – Chairman Yohalem discussed the road funding with the Highway Superintendent, Chuck Loring as well as Mr. Skorput, who agreed that it would be more advantageous to go directly to the Governor to request he approve all of the funding that was approved by both Houses of the Legislature. They also felt it would be beneficial to approach the Governor with several adjoining towns. Later in May, a series of telephone calls will be made to a number of towns to elicit their cooperation in contacting the Governor's office. Chairman Yohalem also suggested that contact be made with our Senators, as that has proved successful in the past, such as with the Foley Bridge. It was also suggested that we include the residents of New Marlborough, requesting their assistance in contacting the Governor, perhaps through letters that are prepared by the Town, but signed by our residents, emphasizing the point that the Governor withheld \$100 million last year and may withhold another \$100 million this year. One town that should be included is Richmond, because that's where the Governor lives. Chairman Yohalem indicated that the Town of New Marlborough will be spearheading this project with one of the Senators.

**Annual Town Meeting – Questions regarding:**

Fire Truck – Highway Superintendent, Dave Smith and Chuck Loring who will have copies of the independent expert's report and will discuss any issues brought up by the residents.

Clayton Mill River Culvert – Michele Shalaby. Chairman Yohalem and Pru Spaulding discussed having Finance Committee members present in order to address why the Finance Committee did not recommend that \$80,000 be financed, but rather taken from Free Cash.

Building Inspector's Computer Program – Not recommended by the Finance Committee; however, Pru Spaulding will discuss why the program was not recommended, should questions arise.

Article 25 – Large Highway Truck was recommended by the Finance Committee.

Wired West questions will be explained Selectman Shalaby.

Town Hall – Tara White

Transfer Station – Tara White

Free Cash Account – Has \$558,465.00 in its account.

Moderator Scott Farrell will open the Town Meeting at 7 p.m. The phrase "or to take any other vote in relation thereto," will be removed from all of the Articles.

Articles 25, 26, and 28 require a 2/3 vote because these items include borrowing money, while Article 29 requires a 2/3 vote in order to transfer funds to the Stabilization account.

Police Department Budget – Questions will be addressed by Tara White.

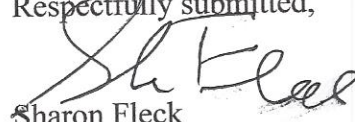
Article 19 is awash with an additional \$9,800.00 coming from Article 18, while in Article 19, The Firefighter's Stipend is decreased by \$10,000.00 and transferred to the NM Rescue Comstar Expense Account.

Maureen Krecji will be available to answer questions on Article 18; Claudette Callahan will be available for questions relating to the New Marlborough Library; Chuck Loring will field questions regarding Highway; Marsha Pshenishny will handle any Assessor's questions; and Ed Harvey will be available for questions relating to the Emergency Notification System.

There will not be a meeting on Monday, May 12, 2014 due to the Town Election. The next Selectmen's meeting will be Monday, May 19, 2014.

**Being that there was no further business to be brought before the Board, a motion was made, seconded and so voted by all members to adjourn the meeting at 6:24 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

  
Sharon Fleck  
Administrative Secretary